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~~W-20~~ Burchinal House

late 1860's

Chestertown

private

The William Burchinal House is one of the principal essentially Greek Revival style frame dwellings in Chestertown, its original aspect ~~is~~ marred only by the asbestos shingles added in the 1950's. Its wide open setting shows is off well. Its origins are presumably linked to the John Greenwood House, a smaller scale version of the same style and vintage, diagonally across Maple Avenue at 126 Queen Street.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Burchinal House

AND/OR COMMON

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**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

113 Maple Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William R. Chauvenet

Telephone #: 773 2733

STREET & NUMBER

113 Maple Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: EHP 39

Folio #: 789

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

none

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is <sup>a</sup> ~~one of the most~~ distinguished <sup>mid-nineteenth century frame</sup> ~~Greek Revival style~~ houses <sup>in what is essentially a</sup> ~~in Chestertown~~ and appears to have been built in the later years of the style's popularity. It is well out in the open in the middle of Town Lot 22, on the east corner of the intersection of Maple Avenue and North Queen Street.

It is a 2-story, 5-bay by 2-bay frame dwelling with a low hipped roof and a 3-bay Greek Revival entrance portico across the front. The facade is symmetrical. The house is presently covered with asbestos shingle siding.

It sits on a very low brick foundation. There are full-height pilasters on three corners; an added L-wing section squared to the northeast (left) elevation occupies the fourth corner.

The entrance portico is one story and is built over a low brick base. There are four square pillars across the front and two against the facade. The porch cornice is bracketed. The door is paneled and is framed by narrow 5-pane sidelights; outside them are plain pilasters topped by large scroll brackets supporting a nearly flat cornice. There is a pair of smaller scroll brackets beneath a plain frieze which is just over the transom.

All windows on the facade are double hung sash, 6/6, and have prominent cornices over them. There are no louvered shutters.

The main cornice of the house is a plain box with a deep soffit; it is supported by brackets.

There are no windows on the southeast (right) elevation. There is one on each story of the northwest elevation, both set slightly off center to the rear.

The 2-story L-wing is slightly lower than the front section. It was added sometime before 1877, as it shows up on the Chestertown Map of that date.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES late 1860's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of principal <sup>essentially</sup> ~~authentic~~ Greek Revival houses in Chestertown, and its wide open setting shows it off well. It is hoped that someday the asbestos shingles can be removed and the house restored to its original clapboard exterior. <sup>style frame</sup>

Documentary evidence suggests that the house was built in the late 1860's for William Burchinal. Burchinal bought most of Town Lot 22 in 1867 for \$957.19, the same year he sold a piece of Lot 23 across the street with 108 Maple, a late eighteenth century frame house, on it for \$1800. Had the house been standing on Lot 22 then, it would have brought more than 108 Maple. We assume he built his house within the decade.

In 1881, the Burchinals sold the house with its addition to their son for \$3000.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** Beginning at the southeast corner of Maple and Queen, 5 feet southeast from the outer edge of the curb on Queen Street and running from thence with Maple Avenue 129 feet, 5 inches to the center of the fence **dividing the lot** from the lot formerly of Mrs. H.L. Welch; thence at right angles with Maple Avenue, and running with said Welch Lot 164 feet, more or less, to the lot now or formerly of Mrs. Alice Deringer; thence in a line parallel with said Maple Avenue to said Queen Street; thence with said Queen Street to the aforesaid beginning point.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

STREET &amp; NUMBER

June, 1976

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Summary of Title Search: 113 Maple Avenue

Robert Constable wills lots 22 and 23 to Margaret Ann Osborn Wills Liber 7 Folio 210  
in 1796. (At least 2, perhaps 3 dwellings on Lot 23)

Thomas M. Osborn and Margaret Ann Osborn to John McKenney JNG 7 515 (1841) \$3000  
Lots 22 and 23

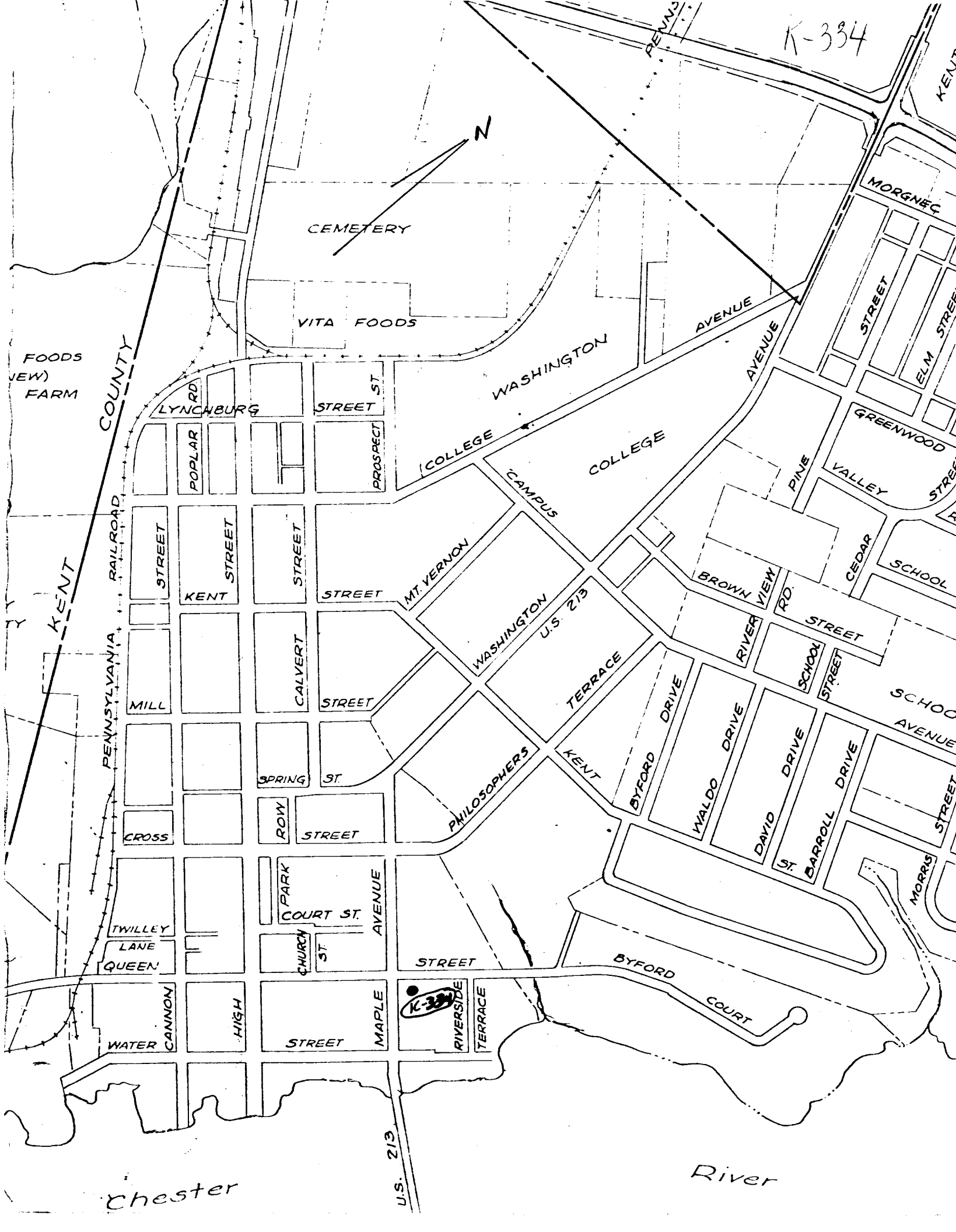
John McKenney to James Bordley NGN 11 158 (1846) \$2700  
Lots 22 and 23

James Bordley to John W. Hines JKM 6 123 (1867) \$925  
Part of Lot 22. Lot 23 is sold off in two pieces for total of \$4700.

John W. Hines to William D. Burchinal JKM 6 299 (1867) \$957.19  
Part of Lot 22

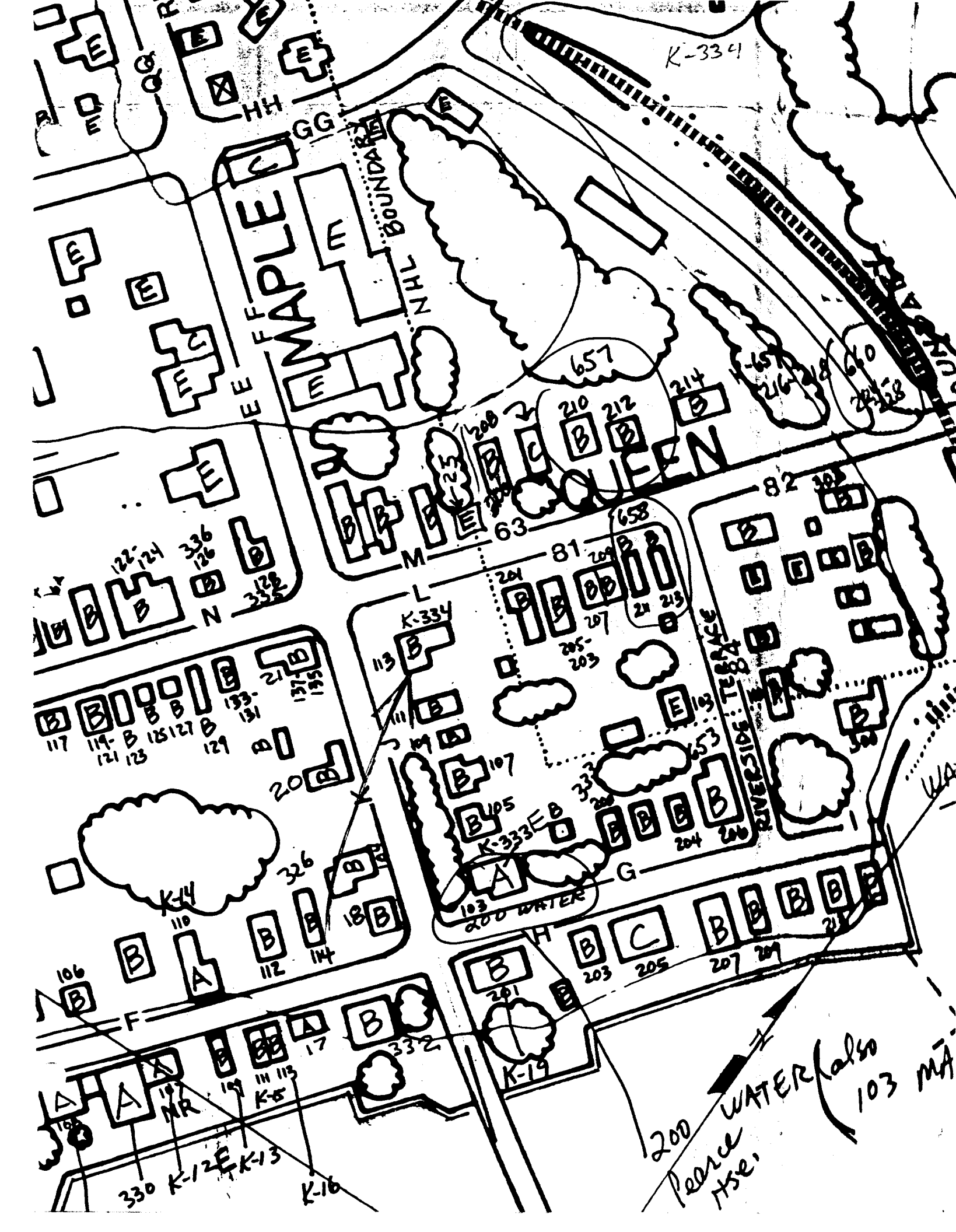
William D. Burchinal and Margaret to J. Burton Burchinal SB 2 102 (1884) \$3000

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River







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Barchinal House Sk view

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K-334 Burchinal House

113 Maple

1/72 S + W



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113 Maple

1/77 S + W